PUBLIC WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

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RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY.

BY COUNCILORS HARTMAN AND ANDERSON:

WHEREAS, every citizen in our participatory government has an inherent right to access government meetings and public records; and

WHEREAS, an open and accessible government is vital to establishing and maintaining the people's trust and confidence in government and in the government's ability to effectively serve its citizens; and

WHEREAS, the protection of the right of the public to access public records and government meetings is a priority of the Duluth city council; and

WHEREAS, the Duluth city council is committed to openness and transparency in all aspects of its operation and seeks to set a standard in this regard.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Duluth city council is committed to working diligently to enhance the public's access to government records and information, to increase information provided electronically and online, and to ensure that all meetings of deliberative bodies under its jurisdiction are fully noticed and open to the public.

Approved as to form:

Attorney

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STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: This resolution is an expression of support for transparency in government.